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ORIGIN [illegible] OFFICE New Orleans FILE NO. [illegible]

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
[illegible]	Continued	Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT [illegible], La.	PERIOD COVERED 11/21/63 - 12/2/63	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY S.A. Anthony M. Gerrets and SAIC John W. Rice		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Photographs and film clips of Oswald and two other subjects passing out Fair Play For Cuba Committee circulars in New Orleans on 8/16/63 were obtained from local television stations WDSU and WWL and furnished interested offices. Charles Hall Steele, Jr., was identified as being one of the subjects. The other subject has not been identified. Steele was interviewed 11/27/63 and he stated that Oswald had contacted him at an employment office and paid him $2.00 for passing out the circulars. He said he saw Oswald on only the one occasion.

Tape recording, and also a transcript, of debate on WDSU Radio, New Orleans, on 8/21/63, involving Oswald, et al, furnished Chief's Office on 12/2/63.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports in this case, particularly report dated 11/25/63 by SAIC L. A. Benavides, San Antonio, and my memorandum to SAIC Benavides dated 11/26/63.

On 11/21/63 this office obtained from Mr. Johann Rush, Photographer, WDSU Television (Channel 6), New Orleans, photograph of Oswald and an unidentified companion handing out Fair Play For Cuba Committee circulars in front of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 16, 1963.

In accordance with telephonic instructions from Inspector Thomas J. Kelley at Dallas, Texas, the above mentioned photograph was sent to SAIC L. A. Benavides, San Antonio, by hand delivery of 11/25/63 by Delta and Eastern Airlines Pilots to be exhibited to Mrs. [illegible] Odneal, San Antonio, who is referred to in SAIC Benavides' report dated

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November 25, 1963. Mrs. Tarsikes said that the subject in the photograph in question was not the same young man she had seen in a television scene initially carried on [illegible] (Channel 4), New Orleans; and it was requested that photographs of the [illegible] TV film depicting Oswald and another young man passing out circulars be obtained.

Subsequently this office obtained from [illegible] TV (Channel 4) photographs of Oswald and another young man passing out circulars, and it was ascertained on 11/26/63 from the local FBI office that this young man is Charles Hall Steele, Jr., son of a local deputy sheriff, who resides with his parents at 1480 Madrid Street. Steele, having heard that his photograph had been shown on a television program, contacted the FBI office, and with his father, visited the office and was interviewed. Steele told FBI agents that he had been approached by Oswald at an employment office in New Orleans and was offered $2.00 to pass out the circulars; that he stopped passing out circulars when he discovered the content of the material; and that he saw Oswald on only the one occasion.

The above information was furnished SAIC Benavides by telephone on 11/26/63, and a copy of the photograph of Steele was furnished the San Antonio office the same date by office memorandum, to be exhibited to Mrs. Tarsikes, if deemed necessary. Copies of three different photographs of Steele and Oswald, which were obtained from [illegible] TV the same date were also furnished SAIC Benavides for identification purposes. Copies of the photograph obtained from [illegible] TV were also furnished Chief's Office and the New York by copies of the memorandum dated 11/26/63.

On 11/26/63 this office obtained from Photographer Johann Rush, [illegible] TV a total of seventeen photographs, showing three different scenes of Oswald and another young unidentified man passing out circulars. We also obtained a short film clip from Mr. Rush from which the still photographs were made. One set of each of these three photographs, together with the film clip, were furnished Chief's Office with our memorandum dated 11/29/63, and copies were also furnished Dallas.

The "Guidebook for Marines", which Oswald had given to Carlos Bringuier, anti-Castro Cuban, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, referred to in SA A. G. Vial's report dated 12/3/63, pages 13 & 14, was also forwarded to Chief's Office with the above mentioned memorandum dated 11/29/63.

On 11/27/63 SA Gerrets and SAIC Rice interviewed Charles Hall Steele, Jr., 1480 Madrid Street, New Orleans, and he identified his photographs mentioned above. He said that he first met Oswald on 8/16/63 when he was at the Louisiana Unemployment Office, 400 Canal Street, New Orleans, at about 11:30 AM. He said Oswald walked into the place and asked him and at least one other man if they would be interested in making $2.00 passing out leaflets connected with a group at Tulane University. He said that Oswald was young and fairly neatly dressed and he thought he might be a college student. He said that he made arrangements to meet Oswald at 12:00 noon the same date in front of the International Trade Mart, corner of Camp and Common Streets, to pass out the circulars.

Steele further advised that he arrived at the above location at 12:00 Noon, and shortly thereafter Oswald walked up with another young man, about 20 years of age, 6 feet tall, brown hair, olive complexion, wearing sport shirt, without tie. He said this unknown man was not the same person as the unidentified subject shown in above mentioned photographs passing out circulars with Oswald. He also advised that Oswald gave him a handful of leaflets which he passed out over a period of approximately 15 minutes; that when he received a second batch of the leaflets he examined them and threw them away; that he then walked up to Oswald and told him the leaflets looked like Communistic literature, whereupon Oswald said it was not, and that the leaflets were connected with a group at Tulane University. He said he told Oswald that he did not want anything further to do with the leaflets, and that Oswald then paid him $2.00 and he left.

Steele is undoubtedly the same young man whom Mrs. Tarsikes, of San Antonio, alleged she saw in a televised scene where the assassination occurred. Steele advised, and his father verified, that he had not been away from New Orleans and was not in Dallas on the date of the assassination.

A few days prior to 12/2/63, Carlos Bringuier, anti- Castro Cuban, mentioned in paragraph 5, page 2 of this report, delivered to this office a tape recording of a debate involving Oswald, Bringuier, Mr. Butler, of the Information Council of the Americas, and Bill Stuckey, reporter on the States-Item newspaper, New Orleans, which was broadcast on 8/21/63 over WDSU Radio, New Orleans. Bringuier advised that he was in the process of obtaining a transcript of the debate and would deliver same to this office the following day. On 12/2/63 Mr. Bringuier advised by telephone that Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr., who operates the Cuban Book Exhibit, 1208 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, had a copy of the transcript. Mr. Rodriguez was contacted this same date by SA Roger D. Counts and he agreed to furnish us with three Verifax copies of the transcript, stating that he was in the process of translating same in Spanish.

At approximately 4:00 PM(CST) on 12/2/63, Deputy Chief Paul J. Paterni advised by telephone that information had been received in Chief's Office this date indicating that Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez, mentioned above, had a tape recording of the debate in question. Deputy Chief Paterni was informed that we had the tape and that Ernesto Rodriguez was in the process of preparing copies of the transcript. It was requested that the tape, and copy of transcript be sent to SAIC Robert I. Bouck, Protective Research Section, as soon as possible by an airlines pilot.

The tape, together with copy of transcript, was delivered by SA Roger D. Counts on 12/2/63 to the Captain of Eastern Air Lines Flight #526, which departed New Orleans at 6:00 PM, to be picked up at Dulles Airport, Washington, D. C., by a special agent of the Protective Research Section upon arrival at 9:58 PM, SAIC Bouck having been previously advised by telephone of the method of delivery.

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All leads of the investigation conducted by the New Orleans office prior to receipt of Chief's memorandum dated December 9, 1963, have now been reported.

The case remains open in this office pending completion of additional investigation as requested in report dated 12/12/63 by SA Gary A. Soule, Dallas.